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Dear Parents and Carers of Years 3 and 4,

Residential Trip for Year 3 and 4

I am writing to you with some exciting news about a potential residential visit for Year 3 and 4 children from Yardley and Denton for May next year. I believe that residential trips are a fantastic learning opportunity for primary education and provide an opportunity for the children to experience a huge range of activities that are not normally on offer in school. We have therefore put together a plan to ensure that all children have the opportunity to go on a residential trip at some point in Key Stage 2.

We have provisionally booked a 2 night residential trip to Grendon Hall for our Year 4 pupils from Monday 14th May to Wednesday 16th May 2018. Additionally, we have provisionally booked a 2 night residential trip to Grendon Hall for our Year 3 pupils from Wednesday 16th May to Friday 18th May 2018. We will be running this trip jointly with Denton Primary School and myself and teaching staff from each school will be attending.

Grendon Hall is our local outdoor adventure centre and offers a wide range of outdoor activities, allowing the children to experience a short residential at a locality that is not too far away from home or school. We are also hoping that by doing a smaller residential in early Key Stage 2, the children will feel more confident to take part in any planned Year 5 and 6 trips.

The total cost of the trip is estimated to be about £140. This includes £129 for accommodation, food and activities at the centre and approximately £11 per child for transport. I am aware that there are so many financial demands upon families at the moment and appreciate that this is a significant outlay for parents. We are currently looking into subsidising the trip using sports funding to reduce the total cost but cannot guarantee this at present, so we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of a maximum of £140. Please be aware of the information overleaf regarding financial assistance.

We have also provisionally booked another similar trip from 8th to 10th May 2019 for those pupils who will be in Years 3 and 4 across both schools. Children are welcome to attend both trips but you may prefer to select just one. (This trip will be a combined Year 3 and 4 one.)

In order for us to confirm the booking with Grendon, we need to gauge the number of pupils who wish to attend and to see if it is viable. We need to act quickly to secure our booking, so my apologies for the short notice, but in view of the costs involved, we are asking for you to return the expression of interest form by Friday 13th October. Once we have confirmed numbers we will be

able to provide you with an exact price, and organise for payments of deposits (£20) by the following Thursday, 19th October.

Once a deposit has been received, we will be happy to set up monthly payments for those who wish to spread the cost. Alternatively, you will be able to pay the remaining balance in 2 payments at Christmas and Easter.

Please note that Residential trips are not a National Curriculum requirement and if your child is not able to participate or does not wish to, then he/she will have an appropriate planned scheme of work whilst the other children in the year group are away.

If you have any further questions, concerns or problems regarding payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Executive Headteacher



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Grendon Hall Residential Trip 2018 – Expression of Interest by Friday 13th October please.

My child..... has expressed an interest in participating in the 2018 residential trip to Grendon.

My Year 3 child..... is not interested in attending the residential trip to Grendon in 2018 but might be interested in a residential trip in the summer of 2019.

Other comments

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Signed..... Date.....

Important Information regarding school trips

Please note:

As part of the school's revised Charging and Remission policy, if a parent is experiencing difficulties in making the full contribution towards a trip, please talk to Louise Brown, in confidence, for assistance.

In addition, the school may be able to offer financial assistance towards the cost of a school trip and towards board and lodging on a residential trip, provided that a parent can prove that they are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

Income Support (IS);

Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA);

support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;

Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190;

the guarantee element of State Pension Credit; and

an income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008.